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For (Title): BATHING AID

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Formal drawings (Figs. 1-28; 25 sheets) are attached.
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A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.

This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. _____ filed _____.
(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)

This patent application is assigned to SANYO ELECTRIC CO., LTD and SANYO ELECTRIC TECHNO CLEAN CO., LTD.
 The executed Assignment is filed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.

Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Priority of foreign application No. 2002-244662 filed August 26, 2002 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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RATE	FEES
	\$ 375
x 9 =	\$
x 42 =	\$
+ 140 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	FEES
OR	\$ 750
OR	x 18 \$
OR	x 84 \$ 420
OR	+ 280 \$
OR	TOTAL \$ 1170

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